

The William Penn Nichols Memorial Scholarship

The William Penn Nichols Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on academic merit and leadership potential.

The scholarship was established in 1982 by Mrs. Vivian Josephine (Nichols) Holliman in memory of her father, a man of honor, conviction, and gentility of spirit. Mr. Nichols was born in 1851 at Poplar Ridge in Madison County, Alabama, in a pioneer family that had resided in Madison County since the 1830's. He grew up in the South during Reconstruction and, through the hardships he experienced during his youth, saw the need for education as the best hope of mankind. This belief became the hallmark of his life. Settling in the New Hope area, he became a successful planter, civic leader, and school trustee who helped lead the construction of the first local public schools.

This scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years. The student must maintain a full-time course load (12 credit hours) each semester. In addition, recipients must complete a total of 24 credit hours each academic year and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for renewal. Students should submit a scholarship application every year in order to update their files and possibly be eligible for other awards.
